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Philippine Facts(F)

The New York Evening Post is a "queer duck" in some things. Remembering how it gave what it called to be facts about the Philippines during the campaign, besides villifying the administration to an extent never before suspected of that staid sheet, the following quotation from its columns is, to say the least, rather perplexing: "Now that the election is over, there begins to appear a general desire for facts about the Philippines. For two years we have occupied the islands; two special commissions have reported, with several generals; Mr. McKinley has told all the truth that was good for us in our pre-election condition, and yet there is an uneasy suspicion that we have all along lacked facts. But the election is over, that uneasy condition of the public digestion to which facts are abhorrent has given place to relative health, and the public is ready for its dose. The sharpened appetite for Philippine facts has first appeared near Boston. A committee, chiefly composed of friends and well-wishers of the administration, has been formed to solicit all the facts from the President and to present an exemplary selection therefrom to the public."

Was not the Boston cabal, ably assisted by the Post, diligently engaged during the past year in disseminating facts? Did not the late General Lawton protest in the most vigorous manner about those "facts"? But this appeal of the Post's reads like a confession that its facts were published for campaign purposes only, and as such they must be considered in the light of events. All the facts about the Philippines have been published through the reports of the various commissions, which were stamped as untruths by the Boston coterie of "aunties," but these same people have the impertinence to form a committee to solicit all the facts from the President "and present an exemplary selection therefrom to the public." This is certainly humor of a high class order. Let it go at that.

Reduction of War Taxes.

The estimated treasury surplus for the fiscal year of \$80,000,000 gives hope that a very handsome reduction in war taxes will be effected by Congress. Nearly five months of the year have passed with a surplus thus far of a sum a little short of \$10,000,000. This might seem to indicate on its face little hope of gaining the \$70,000,000 to make up the \$80,000,000 promised by Secretary Gage, but it is explained that experience has shown that the expenditures keep down the surplus during the early part of a fiscal year, leaving it to swell rapidly during the last seven months. The surplus last year for the period closing on November 25 was \$10,238,418, only a trifle more than for the same period this year. The remainder of the year showed a surplus of about \$70,000,000, or at the rate of about \$10,000,000 per month. It is believed by the treasury experts that this record will be repeated during the current year.

With this basis to work on the subcommittee of the Republican members of the ways and means committee have addressed themselves to the task of reducing some of the war taxes. So far they have not agreed upon the draft of a bill, but they are progressing. It is stated that in addition to reductions heretofore mentioned as likely to be made the increase of sixty cents per thousand on cigars is likely to be removed. The most important changes in the present law will be schedule B, which practically will be wiped out and which includes medicines and proprietary articles. The tax also probably will be removed from conveyances, mortgages, etc. These, with the abolishment of taxes on express receipts, telegrams, bank checks and some other stamp taxes will, it is said, secure the reduction of \$20,000,000, which is the amount agreed upon by the treasury officials and the committee.

There is a funny war going on between the brewers as to the removal of the increased tax on beer—some favoring the reduction and others opposing it. The reason given by the opposition is rather peculiar. On this point a Washington dispatch to the Pittsburgh Times, relates "that in a large majority of cases the retail dealers refused to pay any higher price for beer than they had paid before the tax was imposed, and thus the burden fell almost wholly upon the brewers. Now the latter apprehend that so soon as the tax is taken off the retailers will demand a corresponding reduction in the price of beer, arguing that if the brewers could make a profit after paying the tax they can afford to reduce prices to some extent after it is removed. Thus the

brewers will be caught at both ends of the question, and for that reason some of them prefer that the tax be retained."

New Use for a Burglar.

It is perhaps the first time in the history of criminology that a safe cracker, confined in prison for invading other people's safes, has been asked to use his burglarious skill by officers of the law, but it goes to show that vicious talents may some times be employed for worthy ends. This was distinctly shown in Columbus, Ohio, the other day when a prisoner in the penitentiary saved a widow of that city from losing \$30,000 insurance which her husband had carried on his life.

The case was rather singular. The combination of the safe of the deceased husband was known only to himself. He died suddenly and the secret was buried with him. His policies had been carried for him by Columbus agents for the companies in which he was insured for several months, and it was necessary that they should be secured and paid up in full to save them from being invalidated, which it was feared the companies would try to do, when they learned the facts in the case.

There were no experts available and as a last recourse the warden of the penitentiary was prevailed upon to permit a safe cracker confined in the prison, to blow the safe. He wanted to perform the task with the use of electricity, the modern method, but none was to be had, and he went at it in the old way, with drills and hammers.

He was eminently successful in his task, for in the short space of twelve minutes the safe succumbed to his skill and the doors stood wide open, and the attorneys for the widow had the policies, one of which for \$10,000 would have lapsed that day, and she was saved the entire amount of the insurance. Otherwise she would have been practically destitute.

Giving Thanks.

The most miserable mortal can look around and see some one in greater distress than himself. It is the practice of this philosophy that make many people smile who would otherwise go through the world groaning; that whatever troubles we have there are others who are more grievously afflicted. With these reflections in view we do not see why there should be reluctance on the part of any person to participate in the spirit of the day designated by the President as a season of national thanksgiving. The great secret of giving thanks is, be not envious of others.

There are greater reasons for rejoicing this year than have inspired people to give thanks in years gone by, and in a spirit of humility we should remember those mercies that have been extended to us, and render acknowledgment for the blessings we have been permitted to enjoy. But there is one thing we should not forget, and that is the exercise of charity toward those who are unfortunate. It has been the custom in Wheeling on Thanksgiving for the charitable and philanthropic institutions of the city to make special appeals for aid on this day, and we trust that in this year of plenty and abundance these appeals will not be unheeded.

Death of Senator Davis.

The death of Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, is in every sense a national loss. When just starting out in the practice of law the civil war broke out and Mr. Davis, with that patriotism that so distinctly characterized him later, promptly closed his office and enlisted as a Union soldier. But it was in his maturer years that he gained the most fame—in the battles of peace. His advice will be greatly missed in the councils of the Nation in matters of international law and diplomacy, of which subjects he was an acknowledged master. Just now our relations with foreign countries, while not seriously complicated, require some delicate handling, and he would have been the man most consulted on the questions. As a member of the Paris peace commission he would have also been invaluable in lessening the difficulties that will arise in giving to the Philippines a suitable government. But the world never yet stood still because one man died, and it may be that the hour may call forth another man just as competent as Mr. Davis was. Let us hope so, at least.

Board of Trade.

The committee appointed some time ago to formulate a plan for a board of trade in this city has completed its task and will report at a meeting of citizens to be held in the Opera House to-morrow evening. The scope of this organization is much more ambitious than anything of a like character that has been undertaken, and the success of the schemes of the gentlemen who have conceived of this method of placing the city on a higher plane, morally, physically and commercially will fall unless they are supported by the citizens.

The work is pretty well under way. A competent secretary of large experience in matters that are just now interesting Wheeling most, has been secured. So much done all that is needed to make the board of trade the success it ought to be is the presence to-morrow evening, in large numbers, of those citizens who are determined to see the "old town" awaken from its slumbers and, in the expressive but slang phrase, "get a move on." We have an abiding faith that this will be done.

Singular as it may seem, a Columbus Ohio, dry goods firm was compelled to make an assignment because they were doing too large a business. They explain this by saying that owing to quick sales they had to devote all their profits to renewing their stock and nothing was left for old debts.

While the wife of the late Cushman K. Davis is being held up as a pattern of wifely devotion, there are many women who have exhibited the same quality and their praises have never been sung in the public press.

Senator Davis' remains are hardly cold, yet we hear of speculations from Minnesota as to his successor.

As we are discussing the American turkey around the festive board to-day, it may not be out of place to consider

how soon Turkey in Europe may be our meat if the Sultan continues in his obstinate mood with regard to paying that indemnity, long overdue.

The official count shows that McKinley's plurality in this state was 21,066, quite a handsome increase over 11,428 in 1896. West Virginia is firmly anchored in the Republican column.

Again we hear of the discovery of another Anarchist plot to assassinate President McKinley, but the secret service officials at Washington profess entire ignorance of its existence.

Pettigrew promises to talk the shipping bill to death in the senate. If his enmity to that measure is as successful as it was against the administration then the shipping bill is safe.

Now that the weather is growing colder householders should see to it that the natural gas connections are secure from leakage.

The "shorts" in the Chicago grain market are making desperate efforts to swamp the young speculator who cornered corn.

Life in South Africa is not a bed of roses for Lord Roberts, if we may judge from the disclosures of a plot to blow him up.

With regard to the removal of the tax on beer all brewers are not agreed as to the benefits to be derived.

Don't forget the board of trade meeting at the Opera House to-morrow night.

The present flood in the Ohio discredited all forecasts.

The dynamite can though empty is always loaded.

To-day we give thanks.

The waters recede.

CARVING THE TURKEY.

Must Learn by Practice—Theory Does Not Count.

You cannot learn to carve a turkey by looking at pictures of how to do it or reading descriptions of the way in which it should be done. Can you name one of your circle of friends who is an expert carver? This is a feature of man's education that is entirely neglected. I have never heard of a school or college in which the art of properly dissecting a fowl is taught, yet nothing in the way of household duty is more important. The lord of a family is not always able to hire a butler to do the carving in the kitchen or pantry, but must do it himself at the head of the table. And a pretty mess he usually makes of it. One reason why the Thanksgiving turkey looks so sad is its foreknowledge of horrible mutilation on Thursday afternoon or evening.

Many a paterfamilias, attempting to "show off," puts one man behind his back and carves with the other, scornfully to hold the bird down with a fork. To accomplish this successfully he must have a very tender turkey and a knife with a long, thin blade and a razor edge. Others, and the great majority of fathers go at the national bird like killing snakes or threshing wheat, tearing it as much with the fork as cutting with the knife. If tender, the joints fall apart and the breast slides off in hunks. If tough—the Lord help him! He would better do as the table d'hôte does—take a cleaver. Fathers, carvers of Thursday, go to some first-class hotel or restaurant, and take a lesson or two. Don't spoil your turkey.

The worst carvers are skilled surgeons. While they pause to sever joints the family starve. Few men of any calling or profession can carve a boneless roast or slice a ham respectably. Take yourself. Which end of the ham do you begin at? Do you carve the roast to you or from you? How would you go about serving a shoulder of mutton, the most difficult of all joints to carve? Possibly you can slice cold tongue—but you can't hot. I know dear, sweet, affectionate housewives in this town who don't know how to boil water. Well, they aren't a bit worse off than their husbands, who don't know how to carve.—New York Press.

A Wife Says:

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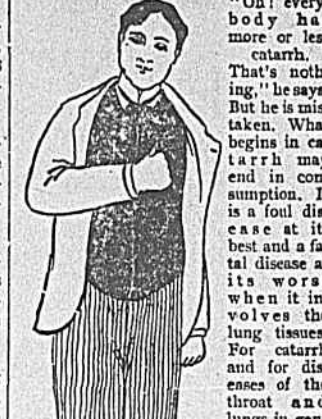
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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Where knowledge is wisdom lingers. True Christianity is as deep as charity is high.

The shorter the pleasure the more pleasant it is apt to be.

Old maids are all the more charming because they are matchless.

An economical woman tries to make her waist as small as possible. Every little helps—especially little kicks when you're going downhill.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder—neither of the absent one or of another.

Words are like spectacles: they darken whatever they do not help us to see.

The factory hand may indulge in song but he prefers to knock off with a whistle.

The average man resembles a whale; he no sooner gets on top than he begins to blow.

There are only two really great disappointments in life—not getting what you want, and getting it.

Wise is the woman who doesn't worry but twists her crowning glory up in curl papers and keeps right on hoping for the best.

A fashion writer says: "A woman should always dress to suit her figure." According to that if a lady is hump-shouldered she should wear a camel-hair shawl.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Nothing makes a man feel so sober as a woman's joke.

A man laughs because he is amused, but a woman laughs because she has hysteria.

Probably Noah hadn't his wife in the ark five minutes before she had all the parlor furniture changed around.

A man is successful in society to the extent to which he forgets his clothes; a woman to the extent to which she doesn't.

It is a mistake for a man to make his wife so happy that as soon as she gets married she quits worrying about her good looks.—New York Press.

With Ma's Bias.

Boston Courier: Harry's father was an author who had written several books of which he was rather proud, but of the merits of which his wife never lost occasion, when within her own household, to sneeringly speak. One day this good lady had need to reprimand Harry for some error of deportment, and to add to the impressiveness of her rebuke she read an extract from the Bible, at the same time speaking of it as "the Good Book," and following the reading with the query:

"Harry, do you know why it is called the 'Good Book'?"

"Yes," unhesitatingly replied Harry, "because pa didn't write it."

His Chance to Think.

Kansas City Times: The present silence of Mr. Bryan indicates that he may be thinking. There is enough food for thought in Mr. Bryan's pantry to last through a very long winter, if he desires to hibernate.

Not a Gold Brick.

Baltimore Herald: Between January 24 of the present year of Klondike produced a total of \$40,000,000 in gold. It is becoming more evident every day that that Alaskan purchase was a "bar-gain."

Transformation.

"Twas just before Thanksgiving Day And little Willie White Was as usual, all tucked away As usual, for night. And he had swum a charming race In apricots and cream. When through his visions rushed apace This most atrocious dream:

It was a monstrous turkey cock Who stood upon the spread; His eyes were like the court-house clock And dreadful turkey-red! He had a sharp and wicked bill, His neck was wet with gore, And thus to frighten little Will He spoke these words—no more:

"Behold, I am the wrath of him Who died upon the cross! For greedy boys torn limb from limb That they may eat to lust! Oh Willie White beware! Ere yet Another night you see, 'Tis written down—so don't forget—That you shall change with me!"

Then Willie shrieked amid his sleep And tremblingly awoke. But when his flesh had ceased to creep He deemed it all a joke. For ere the words indeed were truth, The turkey had become the youth—A gobber Willie White!

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